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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, EEC
SUBJ: RECLASSIFICATION OF PREPARED POULTRY PRODUCTS

REF: (A) STATE 149951; (B) BONN 9906; (C) BRUSSELS 10457

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF A, MISSION OFFICERS MET WITH
DG-I OFFICIALS KRENZLER, DE PASCALE AND TULLY TO CONVEY
U.S. SERIOUS CONCERN OVER EC PLAN TO RECLASSIFY POULTRY
MEAT NOW ENTERING UNDER 16.02BI. WE POINTED OUT THAT
U.S. EXPORTS OF THIS PRODUCT WERE ENTERING UNDER THE
PROPER TARIFF CLASSIFICATION AS DESCRIBED IN EXPLANATORY
NOTES OF BTN. DE PASCALE, FULLY AGREEING THAT IMPORTS
WERE ENTERING LEGALLY, POINTED OUT THAT THE "DRAMATIC"
INCREASES IN IMPORTS IN 1977 LED THE COMMISSION TO TAKE
MEASURES TO ELIMINATE AN APPARENT "LOOPHOLE." EC
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OFFICIALS ALSO SAID THAT A MORE IN-DEPTH STUDY HAS TO BE
UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE RATHER ABRUPT
SHIFT IN TRADE IMPORT PATTERN OF POULTRY PARTS BEFORE A
DECISION IS TAKEN. THEY GAVE US FOLLOWING FIGURES ON EC
IMPORTS FOR PERIOD 1975-1977:

-----1975 1976 1977

METRIC TONS

16.02 BI (A) PREPARED

TOTAL EC 3.951 3.948 10.245

TOTAL WEST GERMANY 2.105 2.276 8.484

EC IMPORTS FROM US 2.994 3.000(1) 7.786(1)

WEST GERMANY IMPORTS FROM US 1.377 1.645 7.067

02.02 B POULTRY PARTS; OF TURKEY

TOTAL EC 7.527 9.398 5.300

TOTAL WEST GERMANY 6.492 7.973 4.626

EC IMPORTS FROM US 6.044 7.518(1) 4.240(1)

WEST GERMANY IMPORTS FROM US 5.190 5.651 2.852

----- (1) ESTIMATIONS

DE PASCALE ALSO NOTED THAT U.S. TURKEY THIGHS WERE ENTER-
ING THE GERMAN MARKET AT A PRICE BETWEEN 4.30 TO 4.90
GERMAN MARKS/KG COMPARED WITH THE DUTCH PRODUCT ENTERING
AT 5.90 GERMAN MARKS/KG.

2. WE STRONGLY URGED THEM NOT TO MODIFY CLASSIFICATION
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OF POULTRY PARTS AND NOTED THAT, IF THEY DID SO, THE
U.S. WOULD BE OBLIGED TO LOOK AT ITS GATT RIGHTS TO
RESTORE ITS BALANCE OF CONCESSIONS. WHEN WE POINTED OUT
THAT A RECLASSIFICATION OF THE TARIFF HEADING COULD SEEM
PART OF A PATTERN OF EC ACTIONS SINCE THE "CHICKEN WAR"
TO REDUCE U.S. POULTRY SALES, DE PASCALE ASSURED US
THAT THE ISSUE WAS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THE EVENTS OF
THE CHICKEN WAR.

3. ON TIMING, DE PASCALE INDICATED THAT CHANGE, WHICH HE
REGARDED AS INEVITABLE, WAS LIKELY TO BE APPROVED BY THE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITHIN A MONTH OR TWO. FYI: NEXT
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 11.
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